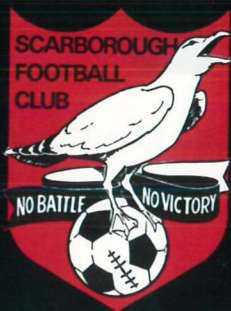


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Still Learning

This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Bolton Wanderers Football Club for our third Barclays League fixture of this historic season.

In our last home match against Doncaster Rovers in the Littlewoods Cup, we thoroughly deserved our 1-0 win against the Third Division side, and it was man of the match Steve Richards who scored our first ever goal in the competition when he connected with a Neil Thompson free kick, to powerfully head home in the 63d minute.

Last Saturday we journeyed down to East London to face hot promotion favourites Leyton Orient, and after leading at the interval through a 30-yard special from Neil Thompson, we finally succumbed to fierce Orient pressure in the second half, and returned home 1-3 losers. But for a superb performance by Kevin Blackwell in goal the scoreline could have been greater, and, on this display Orient will take some beating in the race for promotion.

Then on Tuesday evening we were at Doncaster for the 2nd leg of our Littlewoods Cup tie, and again led 1-0 at the interval (2-0 on aggregate). Stewart Hamill was our 18th minute scorer, but the turning point of the match occurred just before the half time whistle when Boro striker Dave Bowman was brought down in the area by Rovers' keeper Andy Rhodes, and although the linesman flagged for a penalty kick, the referee over-ruled him, much to the amazement of practically everyone in the ground - especially the goalkeeper himself who could hardly believe his luck. However, such decisions, although hard to accept are part of the game, and probably even out over the course of a season, and we were still two goals ahead on aggregate as the second half got underway. Then, just as at Orient on the Saturday the home team seemed to switch up a gear in the second half, and Boro's Littlewood Cup hopes were shattered by 3 goals in an 11-minute spell midway through the half, leaving the Third Division side 3-2 victors on aggregate, and with the prospects of a glamorous pairing with a First or Second Division club in Round 2.

Before the season started Neil Warnock warned supporters to expect setbacks as the team adjusts to the extra demands of League football, and with all our opponents being full time outfits, they obviously have the edge

when it comes to extra fitness and experience. However, apart from the Leyton Orient game, when they were clearly the better side on the day, Boro have not been really outplayed in the other matches, and our part time players are just as talented and skilful as most of the full time players we have met so far.

Today we continue with our tough start to the season by entertaining another of the promotion favourites Bolton Wanderers, who incidentally are also in their first season in Division Four, following relegation last season. We have only played Bolton once before, and that was as recently as 20th February this year when they visited the Athletic Ground for a friendly match and emerged 3-0 winners with goals by Paul Atkinson, Jim Phillips and Paul Griffin.

Like ourselves, Bolton went out of the Littlewoods Cup on Tuesday evening. In the first leg they had won 3-2 away to Third Division Wigan Athletic, but on Tuesday they lost 1-3 at home to go out on a 4-5 aggregate. In the League they have played two home matches, drawing 1-1 with Crewe Alexandra and beating Cardiff City 1-0. They expect to have around 1,000 supporters cheering them on today, and after the disgraceful riots at the Wolves game, we don't expect any trouble - to further prove that this was an isolated incident. Doncaster Rovers brought 250 fans with them, and their behaviour was impeccable, and Bolton fans have a similar good reputation.

Unfortunately we could be without last season's leading scorer Stewart Mell for several weeks following the rib injury which he sustained in our match at Orient, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Better news of club skipper Cec Podd though, he has almost recovered from his knee ligament trouble, and could begin his comeback in the Reserves at Shrewsbury Town on Wednesday.

Finally, turning our attentions to non league soccer, today is the date for the preliminary round of this season's F.A. Cup, and no fewer than 222 clubs will be setting out on the cup trail that could lead to fame and glory in the months ahead. Among the clubs in F.A. Cup action today are Shortwood United, Baker Perkins Horsham YMCA, Wootton Blue Cross and Norton & Stockton Ancients. Boro enter at the First Round proper stage on 14th November.

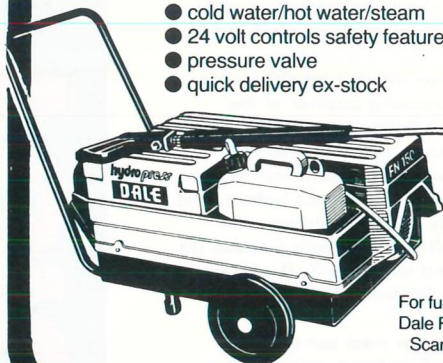
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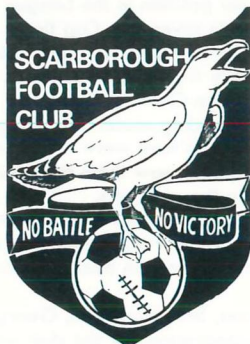
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BOLTON WANDERERS

Bolton Wanderers Football Club was formed in 1874, and in 1888 they became one of the twelve founder members of the Football League. Their best ever position in the League has been 3rd in Division One on three occasions, while they have played in seven F.A. Cup finals, the last being in 1958 when they defeated Manchester United 2-0 with two goals by Nat Lofthouse.

Their most recent spell in the First Division was a two year stay from 1978-80 when their team included such star names as Peter Reid, Neil Whatmore, Alan Gowling and Frank Worthington. In 1978-79 Worthington was the First Division's leading scorer with 24 goals. Since then the club has dropped down the divisions, and last season they were relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time ever following a dismal season which saw them finish 22nd in Division Three, and then lose 2-3 on aggregate to Aldershot in the play offs.

During the last few years Bolton have spent around £ $\frac{3}{4}$ million on ground improvements, including new turnstiles, new floodlights, an all-weather training area, refurbishment of the club gymnasium, and various safety measures to make Burnden Park one of the best grounds in the lower divisions.

Former Bolton managers include Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves, Stan Anderson, George Mulhall, John McGovern and Charlie Wright. Most League appearances for the club were made by goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson (519) between 1956-70 and their record League goalscorer is Nat Lofthouse (255) between 1946-61.

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BOLTON WANDERERS PEN-PICS SEASON 1987/88

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| Phil Neal (Manager) | As a player he competed in over 700 senior matches for Northampton, Liverpool and Bolton. He spent eleven years at Liverpool and won a record 8 League championship medals, plus a host of European, and domestic cup honours as well as 50 full England caps. |
| David Felgate | David is in his second spell with Wanderers following his £16,000 signing from Grimsby Town. The former Welsh International goalkeeper had previously been a regular with Lincoln City before joining the Mariners. |
| Julian Darby | Twenty year old defender and former England schoolboy International. Julian was born in Bolton and made his first team debut in March 1986. |
| Mark Came | Mark joined Wanderers from Winsford United as a promising non-league player in April 1984. This solid central defender has been a regular in the first team squad since. |
| Dave Sutton | Started his career as an apprentice at Plymouth Argyle, had a loan spell with Reading and moved to Huddersfield Town in 1977-78 where he helped two promotion winning teams. Signed for Wanderers for £12,000 in summer of 1985. |
| Dean Crombie | Very experienced defender who started with Lincoln City then made over 350 appearances for Grimsby Town, before joining Bolton on a free transfer during the summer. |
| Derek Scott | Joined Wanderers from Burnley for £20,000 in June 1985. Former England schoolboy international who played in almost every position during his 11 seasons at Turf Moor. |



Mark Winstanley

Defender, Mark is a promising youngster who made his first team debut at Bournemouth in March 1986.

Gary Henshaw

Midfielder who spent five seasons with Grimsby Town before joining Wanderers on a free transfer.

Warren Joyce

All rounder who played representative cricket and rugby before deciding on a football career. Made debut for Bolton in April 1983 when they were in Second Division.

Steve Thompson

Talented midfield player who progressed from the junior team and has been first team regular for four years. Possesses powerful shot and is the club's penalty expert.

Jeff Chandler

A £30,000 signing from Derby County for his second spell with the club. Began career with Blackpool and also played for Leeds United before initially joining Bolton for £40,000 in 1981.

Trevor Morgan

Big London born striker who has played over 300 games in a career which began with Bournemouth and later took him to Mansfield, Bristol City (twice), Exeter and Bristol Rovers. Cost Wanderers £20,000 during the close season.

John Thomas

A prolific scorer who has played for Tranmere, Halifax, Bolton, Chester, Lincoln City and Preston. Netted 28 goals last season and re-joined Bolton for a £30,000 fee.

Neil Whatmore

Has recently returned for his fourth spell with the Wanderers after helping Mansfield Town win the Freight Rover Trophy last season. Has also played for Oxford United and Burnley, and in 9 seasons with Bolton helped them climb from the Third to First Division.

Steve Elliott

In his second season since signing from Walsall for £25,000. Steve has also played for Preston North End and Luton Town. Scores goals himself, but is also regarded as a great provider of chances for his fellow strikers.



Bolton Wanderers F.C. – 1987-88

Back Row (L to R) — Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley.

Middle (L to R) — Peter Nightingale (physio), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach).

Front (L to R) — Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce.



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Boro's Mitch Cook in a determined chase for the ball at Orient last Saturday.





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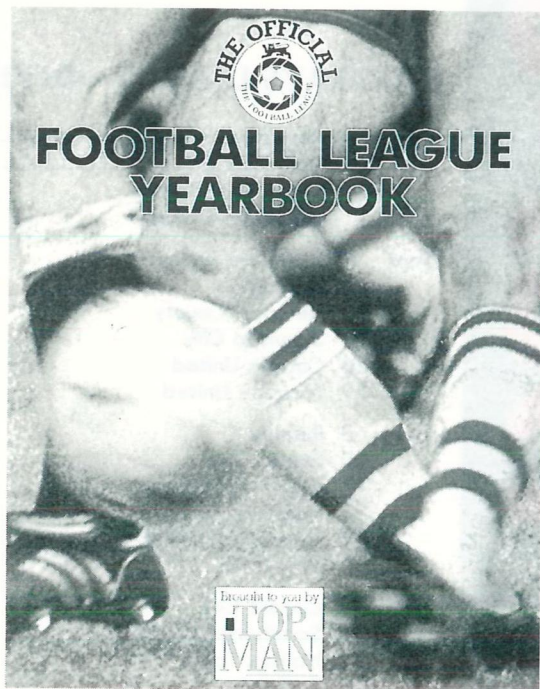
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	31	Colchester United	A					
Sept	5	Tranmere Rovers	H					
	12	Darlington	A					
	16	Newport County	H					
	19	Swansea City	H					
	26	Carlisle United	A					
	29	Torquay United	A					
Oct	3	Burnley	H					
	10	Exeter City	H					
	17	Crewe Alexandra	A					
	21	Hereford United	A					
	24	Hartlepool United	H					
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	9	Leyton Orient	H					
	16	Swansea City	A					
	23	Newport County	A					
	30	Colchester United	H					
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	20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A					
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6 YEARS AGO — 29th August 1981 — TELFORD UTD 1 BORO 1

Boro earned a useful point from this difficult Alliance Premier League fixture at the Bucks Head ground. Telford took the lead when Mark Neale scored in the 37th minute, and Boro's new signing from Northwich Victoria, Colin Williams equalized five minutes from the end. Attendance 881.

10 YEARS AGO — 31st August 1977 — BORO 2 GOOLE TOWN 1

Malcolm Thompson, the striker who scored our winner in the 1973 F.A. Trophy final at Wembley, had left Boro to join our Yorkshire rivals Goole Town in the summer of 1974. It was he who gave Goole a half time lead, but Boro fought back with second half goals by Gerry Donoghue and Stuart Blampey to earn both points. Remarkably this was Thompson's ninth goal in nine matches against Boro since joining Goole. Attendance 2,402.

14 YEARS AGO — 29th August 1973 — BORO 0 SOUTH SHIELDS 1

A Gerry Donoghue goal had given Boro a 1-1 draw at South Shields in this preliminary round tie in the Watney's Northern Premier League Cup, while on target for Shields was their Scarborough born striker John Riby. The replay was played at the Athletic Ground two days later, and Boro suffered a shock home defeat, losing to a solitary second half goal by Corner. Attendance 1,649.

36 YEARS AGO — 29th August 1951 — BORO 5 HALIFAX TOWN RES 1

Our opening three Midland League fixtures in 1951-52 had produced no fewer than 18 goals (for 8, against 10), and the high scoring continued in our fourth match against Halifax Town Reserves. Albert Foulds scored twice and Jack Marriott hit a hat trick in our easy 5-1 victory. Attendance 3,800.

63 YEARS AGO — 30th August 1924 — BORO 1 BISHOP AUCKLAND 2

Ground admission charges in 1924 were 6d for gentlemen and 4d for ladies and boys. Boro traditionally began the Northern League season with a home match against Bishop Auckland, and this was the sixth year in a row that we entertained the Bishop's in our opening fixture. The visitors were one of the top amateur clubs in the country, having won 7 Northern League titles and the F.A. Amateur Cup 5 times. At half time Boro led 1-0 with a goal by Shaw, but Auckland came back to win 2-1. Attendance 3,700.

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Mr John Penrose is a production supervisor in Hull. He began refereeing in 1968 and progressed through the Yorkshire, North Midlands and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League linesmen's list in 1979-80, and this is his first season as a Football League referee. He has twice taken charge of the East Riding Senior Cup final, and also refereed a Northern Premier League President's Cup final, and been linesman in a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Italy. He is married with two children, a son 20, and a daughter 17. His hobbies include running and coaching new referees.

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25	Gainsborough Trin.	A 6-1	Cook 2, Walker, Richards, 2 og's	400
28	Matlock Town	A 3-0	Cook 2, Kendall	350
30	Preston North End	H 1-0	Thompson (pen.)	700
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Our opening Fourth Division fixture against Wolverhampton Wanderers produced club record receipts for a match at the Athletic Ground of £19,753, easily beating the previous record of £9,975 set at our final GM Vauxhall Conference match against Weymouth last season. Our Littlewoods Cup tie against Doncaster Rovers here at the Athletic Ground produced more than £8,600 in gate receipts.

BORO RESERVES

After narrow defeats in two friendly matches, 2-3 at Alfreton Town and 1-2 at North Ferriby United, Boro Reserves began their Midland Intermediate League campaign on Monday, 17th August with a 2-0 home win over Peterborough United Reserves. Dave Bowman, our fit again striker who missed almost the whole of last season with a serious back injury scored both goals, and the match attracted around 200 spectators.

Next Wednesday Boro travel to play Shrewsbury Town in a league fixture, and our next home match is against Wolves Reserves on Monday, 7th September, kick-off 7.30pm.

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In response to several requests from supporters who like to keep records, here is the full list of appearances & goalscorers in all league and cup matches during last season's historic championship campaign. (Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute).

	Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls
David Kaye	18	-	Mitch Cook	40(5)	15
Cec Podd	43	1	Ian Bennyworth	48(1)	4
Neil Thompson	52	5	Lee Cooper	1	-
Andy Harrison	17(17)	-	Phil Walker	41(1)	15
Graham Hartley	6(15)	1	Steve Cammack	3	1
Paul Kendall	51	-	Kevin Blackwell	33	-
Mike Brolly	10(8)	1	Kenny Dennis	4(1)	-
Tommy Graham	46(1)	3	Steve French	2(1)	-
Barry Gallagher	8(1)	1	Stewart Hamill	9(1)	2
Stewart Mell	46(2)	18	Steve Marshall	1	-
Neil Sellers	29(7)	2	Gary Truran	1	-
Ray McHale	23(1)	2	David Bowman	0(1)	-
Steve Richards	40	2	Paul Woodhead	0(1)	-



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TORQUAY ARE EARLY LEADERS

Torquay United, managed by former Darlington boss Cyril Knowles followed up their 6-1 thrashing of Wrexham with a single goal win at Colchester United to go top of the Fourth Division table, and Colin Appleton's Exeter City are the only other team with maximum points after two matches, following last Saturday's 2-0 away win at Swansea City.

The days biggest crowd was at Molineux, where 7,223 saw championship favourites Wolves suffer a shock 0-1 home defeat by Halifax Town, with defender Mick Galloway heading the 72nd minute winner. David Crown was a hat trick hero for Cambridge United in their 4-1 home win against Crewe Alexandra, and Clive Evans scored twice for Stockport County who won 2-1 at Darlington after trailing to a Gary MacDonald goal at half time. Carlisle United also came from behind to defeat Scunthorpe 3-1 at home, while today's visitors Bolton Wanderers beat Cardiff City 1-0 at Burnden Park with a Jeff Chandler goal before a crowd of 4,530.

Former Rangers, Leeds United and Scotland striker Derek Parlane was on target for Rochdale in their 1-1 home draw against Peterborough United, Burnley had a 1-0 away win at Newport County, and Jim Steele netted both Wrexham goals in their 2-1 win over visiting Hartlepool United. Tranmere Rovers are the only team still without a point, following their 0-1 home reversal against Hereford United.

Supporters may be interested in the following list of Fourth Division managers. It will be interesting to see how many changes will have taken place by the end of the season:- *Bolton Wanderers* - Phil Neale, *Burnley* - Brian Miller, *Cambridge Utd* - Chris Turner, *Cardiff City* - Frank Burrows, *Carlisle Utd* - Harry Gregg, *Colchester Utd* - Mike Walker, *Crewe Alexandra* - Dario Gradi, *Darlington* - Dave Booth, *Exeter City* - Colin Appleton, *Halifax Town* - Billy Ayre, *Hartlepool* - John Bird, *Hereford Utd* - John Newman, *Newport County* - John Lewis, *Leyton Orient* - Frank Clark, *Peterborough* - Noel Cantwell, *Rochdale* - Eddie Gray, *Scarborough* - Neil Warnock, *Scunthorpe Utd* - Mick Buxton, *Stockport* - Asa Hartford, *Swansea City* - Terry Yorath, *Torquay Utd* - Cyril Knowles, *Tranmere Rvs* - John King, *Wrexham* - Dixie McNeil, *Wolves* - Graham Turner.

Changing Fortunes

Since the current four division Football League system came into being at the beginning of the 1958/9 season, only five clubs have managed to beat the 'old-pals' re-election act, these being Peterborough Utd (1960 from the Midland League), Cambridge Utd (1970, Southern), Hereford Utd (1972, Southern), Wimbledon (1977, Southern) and Wigan Athletic (1978, Northern Premier), Oxford Utd were also elected in 1962 from the Southern League after the mid-season demise of Accrington. Of these 'new clubs' Wimbledon and Oxford are currently with the 'big-boys' in the First Division, Wigan are in the Third and the rest in Division Four.

Peterborough stunned the Fourth Division in their first season (elected at the expense of Gateshead) storming to the title with a record breaking 134 goals. Hereford (replaced Barrow) also gained promotion at the first attempt, finishing second to Southport. The team to replace Southport only six years later was Wigan who finished a creditable sixth in their debut term. Other clubs inaugural placings and the teams they replaced were, Wimbledon (13th, Workington), Cambridge (20th, Bradford Pk. Ave.) and Oxford (18th, Accrington).

Every one of the clubs gained promotion within four seasons and all but Wigan have also suffered relegation. Wimbledon's fortunes have yo-yoed somewhat, being involved in a change of Division seven times in their ten years membership. It is interesting to note that of all the League clubs only Arsenal, Coventry, Everton, Liverpool and Wigan (plus Scarborough!) have never been relegated since the formation of four divisions.

Wimbledon's rise from the Southern League to the First Division has been remarkable, taking only 9 seasons, 5 from 4th to 1st. Swansea City also managed to escalate through the Divisions in five seasons, but alas they also crashed the opposite way in the same time. Northampton Town were the first club to perform the Fourth to First and return trip in a decade, meeting all but Bradford City of the other 91 clubs on their journey. The fastest slump possible from Division One to Four is 4 years, this was first done by Bristol City (1979-83) and equalled between 1983 and 1987 by Boro's opening day opponents Wolves.

Going back to the 92 Club, Oxford Utd had played every other team in the League when they met Arsenal in Division One on November 16, 1985, but now of course have to play Boro. Wimbledon need to meet Ipswich, West Brom., Wrexham, Cambridge and Scarborough after they play Derby this season, with three of the clubs in the lower Division it could be a long wait, but who knows? With the new link between the Barclays League and the GM Vauxhall Conference the opening day of the 1990/1 season could see such fixtures as Scarborough v Liverpool in Division One and Harrogate Town v Manchester Utd in Division Four!! - **by Steven Penny**



--- **APOLOGIES FOR THE ABSENCE OF THE MANAGERS COLUMN IN TODAYS PROGRAMME** ---

--- **GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE ROUND-UP** ---

Lincoln City, the club which Boro replaced in the Fourth Division, are determined to secure a speedy return to the Football League, and manager Colin Murphy brought in eight new players during the summer, spending over £81,000 in the process. His £34,000 signing of Andy Moore from Grimsby Town has set a new non-league transfer record, and the club are remaining full time in a bid to win the championship at the first attempt.

Wycombe Wanderers who return to the Conference following last season's Vauxhall-Opel League championship, are looking for a new manager to replace Alan Gane who has resigned for personal reasons. Meanwhile Northwich Victoria manager Cliff Roberts, who became the club's 33rd post war manager last January, has been presented with a 2-year contract.

Newly promoted Fisher Athletic have spent £90,000 on ground improvements during the summer to bring their stadium up to Conference standard. Stafford Rangers have bought three turnstile blocks from the old Weymouth Recreation Ground which has now been demolished.

Former Boro striker Colin Williams has left Telford United to join Altrincham for a £2,000 fee. Other new arrivals at Altrincham include Ossie Smith from Runcorn, Garry Worrall from Carlisle United and Ian Johnson from Rochdale.

Betting Odds – Bookmakers William Hill are offering the following odds for the Conference title race: 9/2 Lincoln City, 6/1 Barnet, 13/2 Maidstone United, 7/1 Enfield, 8/1 Altrincham, 14/1 Kidderminster, Weymouth, 16/1 Boston United, Runcorn, Telford United, 20/1 Kettering Town, 22/1 Sutton United, 33/1 Bath City, Stafford Rangers, 40/1 Cheltenham Town, Fisher Athletic, Macclesfield Town, Welling United, Wycombe Wanderers, 50/1 Wealdstone, 66/1 Dagenham, Northwich Victoria.

In the opening matches of the season last Saturday, last year's runners-up Barnet beat newcomers Lincoln City 4-2 before the top crowd of 2,598. Best win was Stafford Rangers 4-0 away victory at Wycombe Wanderers. Weymouth won 2-0 at Welling United, Telford won 2-1 at Bath City, and Fisher Athletic won by the same score at Northwich. Boston United had a 1-0 home win against Kidderminster, newly promoted Macclesfield began with a 1-0 home win over Maidstone, and Kettering Town beat Enfield 2-1.



Neil Warnock and Stewart Hamill (right) signing for Boro in March 1987.



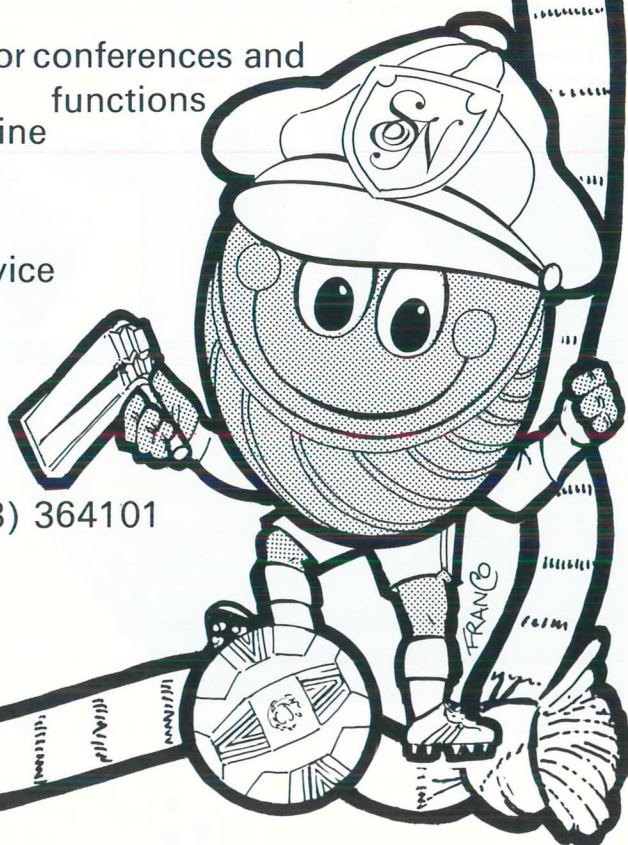
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No. 3 – NEIL THOMPSON

Full name:	Neil Thompson
Birthplace:	Beverley
Birthdate:	2nd October, 1963
Married:	Yes, to Jill
Signed for Boro:	1983
Boro appearances:	185
Boro goals:	23
Previous clubs:	Nottingham Forest and Hull City (33 appearances)
Nickname:	Tommo
Car:	Vauxhall Belmont
Honours:	4 England semi-pro. caps; GMVC championship; promotion with Hull C. Roker Park
Best stadium played in:	Winning GMVC championship last season
Best moment in football:	First England cap (v. Wales)
Most memorable match:	Being released by Hull City
Worst moment in football:	My father
Biggest influence on career:	Glenn Hoddle
Favourite player:	Leeds United
Favourite other club:	Leeds United
Club supported as a boy:	Nothing
What would you change in football?:	Athletics
Favourite other sports:	Sugar Ray Leonard
Favourite personality:	Any sports programme
Favourite TV programme:	Party political broadcasts
TV programme liked least:	Biographies
Favourite reading:	Whitney Houston
Musical taste:	Winning, good food/losing, bad food
Likes/dislikes:	Steak
Favourite food:	Tea, lager and lime
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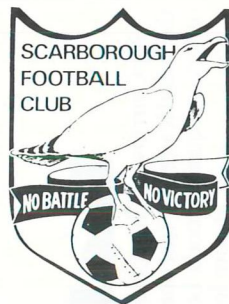


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